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Shoppers in Northampton have given a cautious welcome to radical new plans to redevelop the **Grosvenor Centre**



A row of houses has been left severely damaged after blocked drains caused sewage to flood into homes



The outbreak of roadworks which have seen long tailbacks in Northampton will be lifted soon, says the council



Shutters go down on the speed cameras

EVERY speed camera in the county is to be switched off a week today, police have confirmed.

However, the 40 redundant yellow camera shells across Northamptonshire are likely to remain in place for some time as Northamptonshire County Council draws up a programme to remove them.

The decision came after Northamptonshire County Council withdrew its £1 million a year funding from the county's Casualty Reduction Partnership last month.

The partnership - made up of police, the county council, the fire service and other agencies - is to be scrapped on March 31, the same day the county's 40 speed traps will be switched off.

As well as the static speed cameras, two average speed checks, including one along Lumbertubs Way, in Northampton, will also be switched off.

As part of the partnership, the speed cameras are owned by the police, who will collect them on March 31.

However, the camera housings themselves are the responsibility of the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{T}}$ county council.

A spokesman from Northamptonshire County Council yesterday said there were currently no plans to take down the camera housings immediately after they were switched off.

The County Hall spokesman said: "We will be decommissioning the safety

camera housings over a period of time but at the moment have no definite programme in place.

"There are no legal issues with the retention of the camera housings and it is believed their presence could continue to act as a deterrent.

Chief Inspector Sean Bell, from Northamptonshire Police's specialist operations, said a vastly-reduced number of speed checks will be maintained. He said: "Northamptonshire Police

will continue to operate a small mobile safety camera service, but all fixed and average speed camera systems will be switched off on March 31.

"There will be four mobile camera vans in operation after April 1, and they will be positioned where they are operationally required.

This week the Government introduced a raft of new driving proposals, including the introduction of roadside drug-testing kits, and called for greater law enforcement from police. Chief Inspector Bell said: "We will

be continuing with the annual drinkdrive operations during the winter and summer, as well as continuing our Fatal Four campaign that focuses on the main offences that lead to serious collisions.

"We will also continue with other, regular drink-drive operations throughout the year."

The Fatal Four issues identified by police are driving under the influence of drink or drugs, using a mobile phone, speeding and not wearing a seatbelt.



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A ROW of houses has been left severely damaged after blocked drains caused sewage to flood into family homes.

Residents in Waypost Court, Lings, Northampton, watched in horror as a flood of waste damaged their properties on Friday night.

It is thought the sewage leak affected around six homes and residents said the mess had still not been cleared up.

Raj Thanki, aged 31, said he was visiting his mother, Kam-

leshi, aged 57, at her home on Friday when sewage began to flood out of the downstairs toilet, and within 10 minutes the whole of the bottom floor was covered with dirty, smelly water.

He said not enough had been done to clean the property since and that his mother's furniture

had been left outside to dry. He added: "My mum's home is now a serious health risk. There's a lot of damage and things like the plasterboard need to be replaced where all the sewage has soaked it. The house stinks and the furniture should not still be outside. It's unhealthy and unclean and anyone could make off with it.

"Not enough has been done to solve this problem. My mum's having to put up with it and that shouldn't be the case.

"She has nowhere else to go so she has to stay where she is in these extreme circumstances."

Neighbour John Kennedy, aged 52, claimed his wife and granddaughter had become ill as a result of the sewage.

His son Andrew, aged 27, added: was horrific and disgusting when the sewage started flooding in. The worst things is now the house is hazardous and unsafe.'

Antony Innes, from Anglian Water, said the flooding happened because a sewer became blocked by a mixture of fats and oils which had been poured down drains and things that had been wrongly flushed down toilets.

He added: "Since the flooding, Anglian Water has done all it can to help contractors on site throughout the weekend.

"Some householders have arranged for cleaning through their insurance companies, but where people have asked us to help, those contractors have been busy cleaning, disinfecting and drying out affected properties.

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BUS tokens and concessions for companion travellers will be phased out as the county council takes over Northamptonshire's concessionary bus passes.

Due to a change in Government policy, from Friday, April 1, Northamptonshire County Council will take over responsibility for administering the concessionary bus pass scheme from borough and district councils.

In addition to changes to the service and the locations from which the passes can be obtained and renewed, extra benefits such as travel tokens and concessions for companion travellers will be phased out.

Councillor Heather Smith, cabinet member for highways, minerals and waste, said: "The Government has decided that top-tier authorities should be the ones responsible for administering the concessionary bus pass scheme, so the service should be streamlined.

"However we are receiving less money from Government to do this, which means funds are not now available for the 'add-ons' that were provided in some bor-



ough and districts.

"In order for us to run this scheme we need to provide a uniform service across Northamptonshire and in the current financial climate and with the money provided from Government, what we are proposing is the only option."

Mike Barlow, chairman of the Northampton branch of Bus Users' UK, said: "In regard to travelling companions I think it is something that was enjoyed but is not an essential factor.

"I think people will understand that in the present economic climate this is one of the sacrifices that has to be made. Obviously we don't welcome it but we understand the reasons why. The tokens were a lifeline in some areas where there is no adequate bus provision, as where there is no readily available bus service, people can use taxis and trains with the tokens.

"Route 86 has now gone, so it is taking 80 minutes instead of 10 minutes to get from Rothersthorpe to Northampton. It is the people in rural areas who are going to be worst affected by the cuts to bus services."

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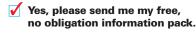


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Just six parties planned

ROYAL Wedding fever has so far failed to grip Northampton with only six street party applications submitted across the whole of the borough.

The slow uptake, despite the relatively simple application process, means Northampton Borough Council has said it will now consider applications up until April 8, after originally asking for a minimum of four weeks' notice.

Daventry District Council has received only three applications while South Northamptonshire Council has received 10, with the majority submitted last week.

The two councils have also extended their deadlines to allow for any last-minute street celebrations.

Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, Lady Juliet Townsend, said she hoped the extra time would mean residents across the county would get planning.
She said: "I think it's one of

those things that people tend to leave to the last minute.

"But I hope this extra time will mean more people will get involved. Everyone should be encouraged to throw a party.

"It will be a lovely occasion to get together, any excuse for a good party.

"Residents should be celebrating exactly how they want

to.
"I think people have been a bit put off because they think there is a lot of red tape involved, but that isn't the case. In fact it's very simple and people may be surprised at that."

Lady Juliet will be a guest at the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton, but is also helping to organise a celebration in her home village of Charlton, near Banbury.

She said the occasion would be a "real treat".

The couple, who announced their wedding in November last year, will be married on Friday, April 29, which has been made a public holiday to allow the country to join in the







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Fears over sex cartoon

A GROUP of mothers in Northampton has started a campaign to raise awareness of "explicit" material which is being used to teach sex education to children as young as five.

Concerns have been raised about a graphic animation being used in schools in the town which shows a naked man and woman in an intimate embrace while a voiceover explains sex.

Emma Clarke, whose six-year-old son goes to a primary school in Northampton, said material such as the Living and Growing DVD, produced by Channel 4, should not be shown to primary school children.

said: "I think parents need to be made more aware of what is being taught in schools.

"If most people actually viewed what their children were being taught I think they would be quite shocked. In my opinion, showing children this sort of sexual imagery is a form of sexual abuse.

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Conservative MP for South Northamptonshire, Andrea Leadsom, is backing the mother's campaign and said that parents should be able to have their say and be "actively aware of what kind of sex education is

being taught to their chil-

Mrs Lead-som said: "I would like to

make sure that any material taught in primary schools is appropriate, not sexually explicit and not exploitative of our young children.

"I want to see a system where parents take a decision on whether to allow their children to be taught sex education and 'opt in' to the lessons rather than having to 'opt out' as is the case at the moment."

"Sex education is very important but the right sex education at the right age is also very important.

"The material used

must be appropriate and I want to see parents and governors having a greater say over what is taught."

spokesman for Northamptonshire County Council said it had run a programme of support for the past eight years which included awareness sessions in individual schools for parents of pupils and to address any specific sex education issues. He said: "Across the

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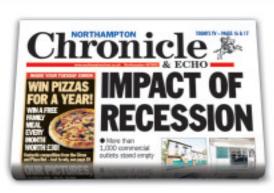
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Centre future: public has say

shoppers lined up to have their say on new plans for the redevelopment of the Grosvenor Centre.

The town centre shopping mall was packed on the second day of the public consultation for plans put forward by the site's owners, Legal & Gen-

The firm has revealed new regeneration plans which show how much the town centre would change if the Greyfriars bus station was demolished and 60 new shops were built in its place.

Hundreds of shoppers stopped to take in the company's presentation of the new proposals and give their

Edith Hall, aged 68, from Kingsthorpe said she would like to see bigger shops with a variety of items for sale, including department store John Lewis and T J Hughes.

She said: "The town centre currently doesn't have what I need. I have to travel further afield to get it."

Thirty-year-old Ben Crouch, from Northampton, was pleased with how the plans appeared and said: "It looks like bring more variety to the town centre. I think that will bring people from outside the area into the town."

He said he would like to see more fashion shops, including brands such as Zara, Hollister and Abercrombie & Fitch, which lined the public suggestion board.

Abby Cox, aged 20, from Duston said she wants to see more younger fashion labels to bring the centre up to date.

Some residents raised concerns about plans for the bus station and 70-year-old Delia Wilkins from Kingsthorpe said she wasn't sure if the proposed sites were big enough.

Legal & General's senior fund manager, Simon Russian, was on hand to answer shoppers' questions about the plans.

He said: "It's going really well and it's been really busy. Saturday is the busiest shopping day anyway and we get a different type of shopper on Saturday so we are getting some really good feedback.

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A "NIGHTMARE" traffic situation in Northampton which has seen long tailbacks of frustrated drivers stuck at temporary traffic lights in numerous parts of the town is set to end, the county council's highways chief has pledged.

Joe Matthews, chairman of the Northampton Hackney Carriage Association, said the current amount of roadworks in the town, including The Mounts, Cliftonville and Bedford Road were creating long delays for drivers.

He said: "It's a nightmare but it's just something we have to put up with at the moment. We try to drive round the roadworks as much as possible but that puts fares up.

"The worst area of town is round The Mounts and Billing Road as you can be stuck in traffic forever there and the lights seem to drag on and

Councillor Heather Smith, cabinet member responsible for highways, said the reason so many roadwork projects were currently being carried out at the same time was the good weather and the fact that Government funding for many infrastructure projects runs out at the end of the financial year on March

Councillor Smith said: "You can only do roadworks when the weather permits you to do

it.
"We normally do most of it in the spring and summer months but when the weather is good we can bring them for-

'We get funding from central Government and we've got to spend it before the end of the financial year or we we'll lose it.

"The majority of the schemes we are trying to get finished off have come from Government or West Northamptonshire Corporation funding.

Councillor Smith said the situation could be very different next year as a lot of the areas of public funding for infrastructure were no longer available due to different systems of funding introduced by the new Government.

Councillor Smith said that, in light of the funding cuts, the county council highways department would be focusing on securing money for the "Kingsthorpe corridor" im-

provements.
She said: "We won't be able to do as much in the next financial year.

"We are bidding for any form of Government funding that appears but we won't be able to undertake as many schemes as we have done.

"The one thing we are hoping to do is improvements for the Kingsthorpe corridor. We had funding in place last year but couldn't carry on as it fell



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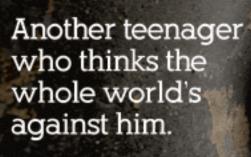
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The vanished legion

THE EAGLE (12A, 114 mins) Action. Channing Tatum, Jamie Bell, Donald Sutherland, Tahar Rahim, Mark Strong, Denis O'Hare. Director: Kevin Macdonald.

BRAVE and noble son atones for the sins of his father in Kevin Macdonald's swords and togas epic, based on the novel The Eagle Of The Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff.

Set in the wilds of 140 AD England and Scotland but partly filmed in Hungary, The Eagle pits the might of the Rome Empire against the barbarism of the indigenous tribes, who slit the throats of their badly behaved children.

Channing Tatum strides manfully into the breach as the emotionally and physically scarred hero of the hour, coping well with the rigours of Jeremy Brock's screenplay that includes some bone-crunching battle sequences.

The Eagle

Showing at Odeon Kettering, Cineworld Northampton, Vue Northampton

Swearing

Violence Rating 6.5/10

A skirmish between the legionnaires and the heathens at the beginning of the film, the latter charging into the fray on chariots with blades affixed to wheels, is thrillingly captured by cinematographer Anthony Dod Mantle and editor Justine Wright. Blood and mud spatter the camera

lens as swords clash and sinews ripple, at least one soldier losing a limb as those horse-drawn carriages scythe through Roman defences.

Underpinning the barbarism is the unlikely friendship between master and slave, whose distrust must

be put to one side as they venture north of Hadrian's Wall, in search of a military trophy. In 120 AD, the entire Ninth

Legion disappears without trace in Scotland and its standard, a golden eagle, is lost forever to the eternal

shame of Rome. The commander of those soldiers also vanishes and 20 years later, his son, Marcus Aquila (Tatum), accepts a posting in Roman-occupied southern Britain in order to

learn the truth about his father's The young soldier is badly injured protecting his men and he recuperates with the help of his uncle (Don-

ald Sutherland) and slave boy Esca (Jamie Bell), whom Aquila saves from certain death in the gladiator's "I hate you and everything you

stand for but you saved my life, and I must serve you," seethes Esca. Once he has regained his strength

and mobility, Aquila heads north in search of answers accompanied by Esca, a member of the tribe of savages responsible for slaying the

The Eagle hinges on the rapport between the leads and Tatum is impressive, bringing a brooding physicality and emotional vulnerability to his role.

Bell pales by comparison but gets his moment to shine in a touching scene, when Esca defies the orders of Aquila and refuses to leave the badly wounded Roman to his untimely fate.

With Tatum and Sutherland cast as Romans, British co-stars must adopt unconvincing American accents for

the sake of continuity.

Mark Strong comes off worst as one of the long lost members of the Ninth, who charges into battle to protect Aquila in his hour of need. Thankfully his swordplay is more polished.

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Kettering: Still Remains UK, the Cherry Tree.

Kettering: Burserk, Watercress Harry's PH, Market Street.

Kettering: Cloud Nine, 60s-current rock/pop covers, The Harlequin, Stanford Road

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Northampton: Camouflage, bourne Arms, Duston, 8.30pm

Northampton: Ricky Swann, Swan and Helmet Irish Bar, Clare Street. Northampton: Mike Lee, Kingsley Park WMC

Northampton: Bite night, Molly's Bar,

Abington Square.

Wilby: Barb, 60s-current rock/pop covers, The Horseshoe, 8.30pm.

THEATRE

Arthingworth: Looking Glass Theatre presents What The Dickens!, village hall, 7.30pm. Box office 07711

Corby: A Night On The Tiles, The Core at Corby Cube, 2pm and 7pm. Box office 01536 470470.

Northampton: Richard Durrant, Royal stage, 7.45pm. Box office Northampton 624811.

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SATURDAY

MUSIC

Abthorpe: Catch 23, the New Inn. Blisworth: Bad Dobby, pop/rock, Wal-nut Tree, Station Road, 9pm.

Brafield: Lahana Raven (vocalist), WMC, A428, Bedford Road, 8pm.

Charwelton: Legendary Ladies of Jazz with Susan Valliant Speer, Village Hall, 7.30pm. Box office 01327 261251.

Irthlingborough: Diana Ross tribute with buffet, Irthlingborough Band Club, 7.30pm. Adm £7.

Kettering: Kelly, Rifle Band Club, Havelock Street.

Mawsley: Take That tribute band, The Centre, 7pm. Tckets £10 on 01536

Northampton: Bruce Reihana benefit gig and the Ginger Pig Band, The Picturedrome, Kettering Road, 8pm. Tickets £10. Box office Northampton

Northampton: Abba tribute band,

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Northampton: Ali By Request (female vocalist), British Rail Club, St Andrew's

Northampton: Expressive Harmony, Monks Park WMC, Wellingborough

Northampton: The Mustard Band,

Kingsley Park WMC.

Oundle: A Couple of Swells – Claire
Martin and Richard Rodney-Bennett The Irving Berlin Songbook, Stahl Theatre, 7.45pm. Box office 01832 273930

Raunds: Raunds Temperance Music Band presents Stage & Screen, Raunds Town FC, Kiln Park, 7.30pm. Tickets £5.50. 01933 623487.

Rushden: Mentallica (Metallica tribute band), Rushden Athletic WMC, 8.30pm. Adm £8.

Wavendon: The Bon Jovi Experience, The Stables, 8pm. Box office 01908

Weedon: Kickstart, Maltster's Arms,

THEATRE

Corby: Hardeep Singh Kohli - The Nearly Naked Chef, The Core at Corby Cube, 7.30pm. Box office 01536 470470.

Northampton: Shlomo - Mouthtronica, Royal stage, 7.45pm. Box office Northampton 624811.

Northampton: The UK Pink Floyd Experience, Derngate stage, 8pm. Box office Northampton 624811.

Northampton: Saturday drama school at The Deco, Abington Square with the Looking Glass Theatre; new Fri & Sat classes. Book on Northampton

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Northampton: Leisurely 20-mile cycle ride past Hunsbury Hill. Meet by the Canoe Centre, Bedford Road at 2pm. Northampton Cyclists' Touring Club.

SUNDAY

Blisworth: Geoff Tooley's Jazz Collection, Walnut Tree, Station Road, noon-2.30pm. Adm £6.

Brafield: Bryan G, WMC, A428, Bedford Road, 7.30pm.

Kettering: Charity dance, Athletic Club, Rockingham Road, 8pm-late. Tickets £3.50. In aid of Air Ambu-

Kettering: Maxwell, Hammer & Smith, Watercress Harry's PH. Market Street. Northampton: Jason Watkins (comedian/vocalist), British Rail Club, St Andrew's Road, 2pm-5pm.

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THEATRE

Northampton: A Night at the Opera, Derngate stage, 7.30pm. Box office Northampton 624811.

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You probably won't spot the subtle changes to the bumpers and wheel trims on Hyundai's baby, or clock the new blue instrument lighting or chromed door handles inside the car.

What you will notice, should you venture into a Hyundai showroom, is an addition to the fleet in the shape of the i10 Blue, with a new engine so light in tailpipe pollution it laughs at the London congestion charge and costs nothing to tax.

But a word of caution, before this little eco champion tempts you to sign on the line; there is probably a different i10 in the new range that will suit you better.

The revised i10 spans the price range £8.195 to £9.595 and makes a convincing case for not choosing the new ultra-eco Blue model, unless you spend your time rushing into central London.

Then, you'd save a useful £10 each weekday and feel slightly smug as the car's engine automatically cut out to save fuel when you stopped at the lights, and started again when you dipped the clutch. You might even enjoy the thrum of its new

three-cylinder engine and be surprised how well it pulled when you naughtily accelerated as the lights turned amber and you rushed to beat the red.
For almost any other i10 buyer, the extra

cost of this ultra green Blue 1.0 litre version makes it a no-no in the running costs

At £9,195 it looks decidedly dear against the better equipped, faster and only marginally less economical Active model on

This version keeps the old 1.2 litre en-

gine, lightly tweaked for a bit more power, and still promises better than 50mpg in everyday use and feels more relaxed when town turns to country and there are motorways to contemplate.

No buyer of a new i10 will pay road tax

for the first year.

The i10 Blue keeps it that way from year two, but the £20 demanded of anyone buying the larger engined car is scarcely a

No wonder Hyundai expects only five buyers in every 100 to take the Blue route. Hyundai made a killing from the

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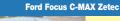
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Bettie Ellen

Passed away peacefully at NGH on 10th March 2011. Much loved Sister of Pauline and John, Joyce and Ray. Auntie to their Children.

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Betty

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SMITH Phyllis (Phyl)

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Will be sadly missed.



SMITH

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Charlie

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Goodnight Dad

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Phyllis

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x x

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PAIN INTHE RAIN - Saints full-back Ben Foden looks crestfallen at the end of England's defeat to Ireland in the Six Nations Championship in Dublin last weekend. England went into the game knowing a win would seal a first Grand Slam since 2003, but they were thumped 24-8 and they had to make do with winning the Six Nations Championship instead.

England stars return a huge boost for Saints

STEPHEN MYLER is hoping Saints' Six Nations winners will provide the boost the club needs to clinch a Premiership play-off place.

After nine weeks without Ben Foden, Chris Ashton, Dylan Hartley and Tom Wood, Saints are set to thrust all four back into action against Wasps on Sunday.

The quartet have come back clutching a first Six Nations winners medal after winning four out of five games with England.

Despite losing to Ireland in the final fixture, their confidence will be high

and Myler is hoping they will provide the boost Saints need for the start of the run-in to the Premiership season

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Myler said: "They've done really well over the Six Nations and full credit to them – they've won the championship so they'll no doubt be full of confidence and hopefully they'll bring that form into the Saints.

"Them coming back is a nice bonus for us to take into the last few games of the season, and hopefully we can keep up that winning form and get ourselves in that top four.

"We've got a lot of games coming up in a short space of time after the quarter-final of the Heineken Cup especially, and we're going to need everybody in the squad – those guys that have been playing and the England guys that are coming back

"We need everyone to be working hard and on top form when those games are here."

Saints take on Wasps and Sale at home in their next two games, with both teams both struggling in the bottom half of the table.

Northampton may have lost their last three Premiership games at home, but they will be confident of overcoming a Wasps side that have not won at Fran klin's Gardens since November 2005, and will be smarting from a 37-10 fivetry hammering they suffered at Adams Park October.

Myler added: "It was a good day for us away from home earlier in the season and I think they weren't very happy with that performance that day.

"But they've put in some decent performances since then and they'll obviously be looking to not have a repeat of that day.

"We'll be looking to repeat that, so we've got to do our homework this week, train hard and, come Sunday, we've got to be ready to go."

Saints take on Wasps at Franklin's Gardens on Sunday, with the kick-off at 1.45pm.

Deano fit to take on Gulls

DEAN BECKWITH has made a full recovery from his groin injury and will be in the Cobblers squad for tomorrow night's (Fri) visit of Torquay United to Sixfields.

But injury doubts remain over Andy Holt and Leon McKenzie, who have not trained with the squad so far this week.

And Ryan Gilligan will

And Ryan Gilligan will definitely miss out against the club for whom he made five appearances on loan last month with the ankle injury he picked up in the warm-up at Bradford on Saturday.

"I thought we were due to have Holty (Andy Holt) and (Leon) McKenzie back but they haven't trained yet and we've lost Gilly (Ryan Gilligan) for a few weeks as well," said manager Gary Johnson.

"If either of those two train on Thursday then they might have a chance (of playing on Friday) but we'd need to see how their fitness is. Dean Beckwith has trained really well in the past couple of days and he'll be in contention.

"We had him on the bench at Bradford but we didn't want to risk playing him for a long period because it was a bit of a gamble. We've got enough numbers at the minute but the numbers that count are the 11 you put out on the pitch."

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Town showed definite signs of improvement in the 1-1 draw at Bradford last weekend. Johnson is hoping the side will go a step further when they entertain the Gulls, with another solid week on the training ground ideally providing them with the tools to secure a first win since February 1.

"I like to think it's coming together," he said.
"Results don't always show that, but the boys do know what we're trying to get through to them and I think they're enjoying what we're doing."

